

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18-23, 54-60 and 76 are pending in the application. Claims 18-23, 54-60 and 76 were rejected in the Office Action. Claim 76 has been amended. Re-examination and reconsideration of the pending claims as amended are respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 76 was originally misnumbered as claim 75. Claim 76 is now correctly numbered. Additionally, claim 76 originally recited "Apparatus as in claim 18" and this has been amended to correctly recite "A method as in claim 18." Claim 76 now overcomes the objection and is in form for allowance.

Double Patenting

Claims 18-23, 54-60 and 76 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,939,348. Applicants traverse the rejection, however, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

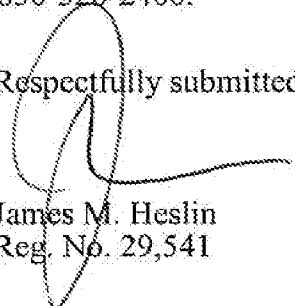
Claims 18-23, 54-60 and 76 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending Application Nos. 10/787,532; 10/811,228; 10/873,348; and 11/053,274. Applicants traverse the rejection, however, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the provisional rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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